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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT: BOEING COMPANY - INVITATION FOR TRIP
TO SEATTLE

1. BOEING REP EHRENWALD FROM MUNICH OFFICE INFORMED US THAT COMPANY PRESIDENT E.H. BOULLIOUN IS SENDING INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TO VISIT BOEING COMPANY IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, DURING FORTHCOMING TRIP TO U.S.. ACCORDING TO EHRENWALD, INVITATION COMES AS RESULT OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM COMPANY'S WASHINGTON OFFICE SAYING THAT CEAUSESCU WISHED TO VISIT SEATTLE AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE PERSONAL INVITATION. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING EHRENWALD'S CALL AT MFA HERE TO INFORM GOR OF FORTHCOMING INVITATION, MFA OFFICIAL CHECKED AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF SUCH INTEREST OR INITIATIVE ON PART OF PRESIDENT CEAUUESCU OR OF OTHER GOR AGENCY. NEVERTHELESS, CABLE INVITATION IS BEING SENT BY BOEING TO CEAUSESCU TODAY.

2. WE REALIZE THAT CEAUSESCU TRIP SCHEDULE APPEARS TO BE RATHER FIRM AND THAT ANY VISIT TO SEATTLE WOULD HAVE TO BE AT EXPENSE OF ALREADY PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES. FACT THAT BOEING HAS ALREADY SOLD THREE 707'S VALUED AT ABOUT \$45 MILLION AND REMAINS IN RUNNING FOR SALE OF FIVE MEDIUM RANGE JET AIRCRAFT VALUED AT ABOUT \$59 MILLION EXPLAINS EXTREME BOEING INTEREST IN ATTRACT-
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ING CEAUSESCU TO SEATTLE. THESE POINTS ARE ALSO OF OBVIOUS

INTEREST TO USG AND RAISE QUESTION OF WHETHER ITINERARY COULD OR SHOULD BE REVIEWED - EITHER WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY OR WITH BOEING - TO CONSIDER A SEATTLE STOP. IN ANY CASE, BOTH DEPARTMENT AND ROMANIAN EMBASSY MAY EXPECT TO BE CONTACTED BY BOEING TO THIS END. FOR OUR OWN BACKGROUND, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE AS TO HOW PROGRAM WAS DEVISED SINCE IT MAY BE CLUE AS TO ROMANIAN INTENTIONS ON MAJOR CURRENT SIKORSKY AND BOEING/DOUGLAS CONTRACT INTERESTS.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, BOEING REP SAID THAT ROMANIAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE SPOKE AT ROMANIAN FOREIGN TRADE COMPANY TEHNGGMPOR TAKE IT AS ACCEPTED FACT THAT CEAUSESCU WILL VISIT SIKORSKY PLANT IN STRATFORD, CONNEKICUT EITHER IN ADDITION TO, OR IN LIEU OF UNITED AIRCRAFT SUBSIDIARY PRATT AND WHITNEY. SIKORSKY REPS HERE SAY THEY CHECKED WITH THEIR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS AT UNITED AIRCRAFT LAST WEEK, AND AT THAT TIME UNITED AIRCRAFT HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF POSSIBLE VISIT TO PRATT AND WHITNEY. MARTENS

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